

ITEM: 20

SUBJECT: Salinity Management Plan

BOARD ACTION: This is a status report. No action will be taken.

BACKGROUND: In January, the Central Valley Water Board and State Water Board held a joint workshop on salinity in the Central Valley. At the end of the workshop, the Chair of the State Water Board asked Central Valley Board member Karl Longley to prepare recommendations on how to proceed to address this issue.

Over the next three months, Board members Longley and Odenweller set up an advisory committee, held several meetings and prepared the attached recommendations. The advisory committee also provided guidance and assistance in the preparation of the May 2006 staff report titled *Salinity in the Central Valley, An Overview* (available on the Board's web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available\\_documents/basin\\_plans/salinity-overview-rpt.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/basin_plans/salinity-overview-rpt.pdf)).

The recommendations were presented to the State Water Board at its 2 May meeting and approval was received to proceed with the development of the proposed Salinity Management Plan.

Staff will brief the Board on the recommendations, the report and the work that has been conducted on the project to date.

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